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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MILI CG IR  
SUBJ: MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ZAIRE

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1. GENERAL TOUFANIAN TOLD POLMILCOUNS DEC 14 THAT IIGF DISAGREED WITH PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE 10 M-60 TANKS. WHEN TOUFANIAN REPORTED THIS TO SHAH, HOWEVER, SHAH DID NOT ACCEPT IIGF POSITION. HE INSTRUCTED TOUFANIAN TO SEEK FURTHER CLARIFICATION FROM IIGF COVERING NUMBER OF TANK UNITS IIGF HAS, WHETHER THESE UNITS HAVE FULL COMPLEMENT OF TANKS OR NOT, AND - AGAIN- WHETHER OR NOT IIGF CAN OR CANNOT PROVIDE TEN TANKS.

2. TOUFANIAN WENT ON TO SAY THAT SHAH IS NOW PROCEEDING ON ASSUMPTION THAT IF TANKS CAN BE PROVIDED THEY SHOULD BE SOLD TO US BY GOI. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, TOUFANIAN SAID THAT IN SUCH CASE GOI WOULD NOT LOOK TO PURCHASING REPLACEMENT TANKS FROM US WHEN SUCH AVAILABLE FROM US PRODUCTION.

3. AT END OF DISCUSSION THIS POINT, TOUFANIAN WAS ASKED WHETHER, IN CONTEXT OF GOI AND SHAH'S INTEREST IN SUPPORTING MODERATE AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS, SHAH WOULD CONSIDER ARRANGEMENT OTHER THAN SALE IF IIGF IS ABLE TO PROVIDE THE TEN TANKS. TOUFANIAN THOUGHT FOR A SECOND AND THEN SAID HE DID NOT KNOW; HE WOULD HAVE TO SEEK CLARIFICATION FROM SHAH. TOUFANIAN CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT HE WOULD HOPE

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TO HAVE INFORMATION FROM IIGF WITHIN ABOUT A WEEK.

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